

GOSSIP ABOUT GOFF

And His Final Location in the Next Cabinet.

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THE JUDGE IS VERY RETICENT

On the Subject--His Presence in Washington Starts the Capital Newspaper Men to Making a New Cabinet State.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 13.--Judge Nathan Goff, of West Virginia, whose place in the cabinet as attorney-general, comes so near being a certainty that it rests with himself whether or not he shall accept, was in Washington for a few hours to-day, enroute to Richmond. The judge talks with his usual fluency upon all topics but the one just now uppermost in the minds of his friends, his intentions as to the acceptance of the attorney-generalship, and upon that he is modestly reticent. It is understood, however, that he is seriously considering the matter and in due time will render a decision, more than probably a favorable one.

His presence at the capital set the local newspaper men to the task of forming a slate, his name being in it with Senator Sherman as secretary of state, Merriam, of Minnesota, as secretary of the treasury; Smith, of Pennsylvania, or Hawley, of Connecticut, for the war office; Bliss, of New York, or Harmer, of Pennsylvania, as secretary of the navy; Wilson, of Iowa, secretary of agriculture, and General Warner, of Missouri, for secretary of the interior. It is believed here that of those named, four are sure, viz., Sherman, Goff, Bliss and Merriam, the latter two for "some place" not yet definitely settled.

Washington Press on Goff.

Judge Goff is referred to by local critics as "an attractive man, and although still in the early fifties, has been called upon to fill a number of positions of honor and trust," all of which are enumerated. And again: "His selection by Mr. McKinley is understood to be the result of an agreement that if any southern state were Republican the south should be represented in the next cabinet," and the compliment is paid him that his appointment will have "considerable local interest in view of the fact that he is an alumnus of Georgetown College."

It is stated that Mr. Goff is not favorable to his acceptance of a cabinet place. Ex-Senator Johnson N. Camden, another distinguished West Virginian, was also in the city to-day, a guest at Williams. When invited this evening to furnish the Intelligencer with a news item, he said: "The most interesting item of news to me is that I start tomorrow morning for Florida and shall not return until the first of April."

The senator is of the opinion that business interests are improving and that good times are sure to come. He says the proposed investments on the line of his new railroad, recently the subject of newspaper comment, are still under negotiation with every prospect of early consummation.

FRANCIS HELD UP

By Senators Vest and Pugh, Because He Advocated Sound Money.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 13.--There is but little doubt that Governor Francis will ultimately be confirmed as secretary of the interior, doubtless to-morrow, but the unusual spectacle was presented to-day of a Democratic senator making strenuous efforts to prevent a Democrat of his own state from becoming a member of a Democratic cabinet.

Senator Vest did that act for Secretary Francis, and he was supported in his opposition by Senator Pugh, of Alabama, also a Democrat. The only grounds of objection are stated as relating to the secretary's advocacy of the sound money policy in the recent campaign. In other words, he was "seminary" Mr. Bryan.

Senator Vest in his remarks stated that he had nothing personal against Mr. Francis, but called attention to the decision of the secretary during the campaign. He said that the secretary had written and published a letter in which he asserted that the Democratic party was engaged in a campaign of dishonesty. Any person making such a statement could not receive his support for any position. He also declared that Secretary Francis since the election had removed from office in his department because these men had supported the regular Democratic ticket, and that as a Democrat, the Missouri senator resented any such action by a cabinet officer. Senator Vest said that he had voted against the confirmation of Mr. Francis in committee that he would vote against the nomination in the senate.

A DULL DAY

In Congress--Senate Stands by Its Amendment to Orange Free State Treaty.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 13.--After a very dull day devoted to passing bills of minor importance, the house plunged into a warm controversy over a bill to make oleomargarine and other imitations of dairy products subject to the laws of the states into which they are transported.

The open session of the senate to-day was much curtailed by an executive session lasting two hours. After this the balance of the day was given to Mr. Bacon, of Georgia, in a speech, upholding the power of Congress to reorganize new governments. The senator insisted that the arrogant assertion of one man power threatened to make the presidential power greater than that exerted by any monarch. An agreement was reached for a vote on the free homestead bill at 4 p. m. to-morrow.

Secretary Olney was defeated at every point by the senate in executive session to-day, when that body refused

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Chairman Hanna, on behalf of the executive committee, then responded disclaiming individually in the work. Mr. Hanna then called on M. E. Ingalls, of Cincinnati, to read the report of the committee on resolutions. After the reading of the resolutions, J. H. Walker, of Massachusetts, chairman of the committee on banking and currency, was recognized, and hurled a bombshell into camp Peaceful. He said: "I did propose that you do something about the methods of securing legislation, if there had been the slightest hope or encouragement from this convention, but I want to say to you that you have damned the whole reform, damned it here to-day in the weakness of human nature and there is no salvation."

Mr. Ingalls, of Cincinnati, Ind., jumped up at once to reply to Mr. Walker. He said:

"I take it that he has misunderstood the motive of the men who have been active in the calling of this convention. Rather let it be the beginning of a grand future in politics, that we are so interested that we will spend our money, we from the east, from the west, the north and from the south and not as citizens because the republic is in our hands and not in the hands of Congress or senates. We came here for a purpose. We came here to express our sentiments and to record in the platform of that man in Congress who charges us with being lobbyists for immoral or any other purpose."

CORRUPTING ASSOCIATION

Will Meet in Cincinnati, January 20, to Fix Prices for the Year.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 13.--The corrugated steel and iron roofing association will meet at the Grand Hotel, Cincinnati, January 20, to fix prices for the ensuing year.

The manufacturers of eaves, troughs and conductors to-day concluded a session at the Xenochela House, this city, and decided to maintain present prices until February 1, when a change will be made contingent on the iron and steel market. The tendency is toward lower prices.

THE SEELEY SATURNALIA.

The Proceedings Finally Closed--"Little Egypt" Didn't Materialize.

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.--The proceedings to-day in the police board trial of Captain Chapman, for raiding Herbert Seeley's dinner at Sherry's, were not sensational. Daniel W. Quinn, a singer, and Eugene Plaurand, Sherry's manager, testified in rebuttal of Chapman's witnesses. This closed the evidence. It was expected that the Seeley but they were not. The full police board will now consider the case.

Room Along the West Virginia Central.

PIEDMONT, Jan. 13.--There is quite a boom along the West Virginia Central and Pittsburgh Railway. The United States Leather Company are erecting an addition 40 by 150 to their tannery at Davis, W. Va., and are now using 500 hides per day. The Beaver Creek Lumber Company has bought an immense tract at Hulings, below Davis, upon which they have erected a lumber-mill, which is running full blast. The Blackwater Lumber and Lumber Company are crowded with orders, and the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company are running their plant night and day to meet the demands for their product.

Against Their Officers.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 13.--The national miners convention was remarkable to-day for the antipathy shown by the delegates toward their officials, expressed in resolutions being adopted unanimously in spite of the protests of all the officers present.

A scale committee was appointed, as follows: Patrick Dolan and Paul Timmer, Pittsburgh district; W. T. Evans and T. L. Lewis, Ohio; W. S. Knight and John Kennedy, Indiana; and James O'Connor and John Carson, Illinois.

All That Remains.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 13.--The legislature is to re-assemble this evening. The members will to-morrow evening hold caucuses upon the selection of a successor of United States Senator Hill, whose term expires on March 4. The task is not likely to be an arduous one, the preliminaries being all arranged in advance, so far as the majority are concerned, all that remains to be done being to formally name Thomas C. Platt for the position.

Not Worth a Moment's Notice.

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.--Members of the Baltimore & Ohio reorganization committee say that the current rumors of a possible assessment of 240 a share on the stock are not worth a moment's consideration. From present indications, the assessment is not likely to exceed \$12 or \$15 a share. It is certain the collateral securing the floating debt will be availed of if practicable, to rehabilitate the company.

Coxey to the People.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 13.--The Coxeyite reformers at to-day's session of their conference formulated and adopted an address "To the people of the United States." The document is signed by Jacob S. Coxey, president, and Carl Browne, secretary, and is practically an elaboration of the principles declared in the resolutions passed by the conference last night.

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In the house, speaker Hansen did about the same.

It seemed strange to go for anything there will be no scarcity of bills. There will be bills looking to increased revenue from oil wells, railroads, telephone and telephone companies, to upset or to reduce materially the fee system, to let Pullman cars, to relieve the legislature from the task of selecting school boards, to reconstruct the penitentiary, insane asylum, university and normal school boards, to stop pool selling and to repeal the cigarette law declared by United States Judge Goff to be unconstitutional.

President Whitaker and Speaker Hansen have begun work on their committees with a view to naming them as soon as possible so that the real work may begin and the session be wound up within the forty-five days.

The senate committee on privileges and election will be announced to-morrow so that the contest of Getzendanner against Shaffer from the Thirtieth district, may be taken up at once and disposed of. Shaffer has never answered Getzendanner's notice of contest.

It is hoped that Governor-elect Atkinson will survive the process for place, but there is no certainty about this. The willing ones are after him everywhere and before retiring for the night he looks under the bed to make sure that he is alone.

Congressman Dovenor leaves to-morrow for Washington. National Committeeman Scott will remain for a few days longer.

LEGISLATURE ORGANIZES

By Electing the Republican Causes Nominees--Very Brief Session.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Jan. 13.--Both houses of the legislature met to-day at noon, and organized. The house of delegates was called to order by the retiring clerk, W. M. O. Dawson. He called Mr. Stapleton, of Wood, to the chair to preside until the house was organized. Rev. Dr. A. B. Riker, pastor of the State Street M. E. church, offered a prayer. Hon. W. E. Clifton, secretary of state, appeared and presented a list of persons appearing to have been elected as members of the house of delegates. The roll of members being called, all the members answered to their names except Mr. Book, of Marion county. The next business being the election of officers of the house, Mr. Hahn, of Mineral, placed in nomination for speaker, Samuel H. Hansen, of Marshall. Mr. Hansford, of Tucker, placed in nomination Hon. W. H. McClung, of Greenbrier. The vote being taken, Mr. Hansen received the majority of votes, and was declared elected. Messrs. Hahn, Taylor and McClung were appointed a committee to elect the speaker to the chair. Mr. Hansen made a neat speech of acknowledgment for the honor bestowed upon him.

For the office of clerk, Elmer E. Hood and J. E. Peyton, both of Kanawha county, were placed in nomination. Mr. Hood received a majority of the votes cast and was declared elected. Cyrus W. Crislip, of Boone and Thomas D. Waldo, of Calhoun, were placed in nomination for sergeant-at-arms. Mr. Crislip having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared elected.

J. N. Allen, of Taylor, and W. T. Boone, of Wayne, were nominated for the office of door-keeper. Mr. Allen having received a majority of the votes, was declared elected. Messrs. Stapleton, Hoes and McClung were appointed a committee to notify the senate that the house was organized and ready for business.

On motion of Mr. Hill, of Mason, the rules governing the house of delegates of 1896, were adopted as the rules for this session.

Messrs. Hoyer, Hughes, of Kanawha, and Haysford were appointed a committee to notify the governor that the house was organized and ready to receive any communications he might be pleased to make.

Mr. Henshaw offered house joint resolution No. 1 adopting the rules and

regulations adopted by the legislature in 1887, governing the opening and canvassing of the returns for state offices. Pending the adoption of this resolution, the house took a recess until 3 p. m.

Reassembling at the expiration of recess, the house adopted the rules and regulations adopted by the legislature in 1887, regulating and governing the opening and canvassing returns for state offices at last election.

Mr. Henshaw was appointed a committee to report the passage of rules to the senate. Messrs. Garvin, Davis and Arnold were appointed a committee to wait upon the senate and inform that body that the house was now ready to receive the senate for the purpose of opening and canvassing returns for state offices at the recent election. The house then adjourned.

SENATE PROCEEDINGS.

Republican Causes Nominees Elected. Chamber Adjourns Without Transacting Any Business.

The senate was called to order at 12 m., by Clerk John T. Harris. Mr. Farr, of Doddridge was called to the chair to preside until the senate was organized. Rev. T. C. Johnson, pastor of the Baptist church, offered prayer. The roll of members of the senate being called, all answered to their names except Senator McNeil, of Pocahontas county. The members then took the oath of office. The next business being the election of a president. Mr. Patton, of Kanawha, placed in nomination Senator Whitaker, of Ohio county. Mr. Hyde placed in nomination Senator Bruce W. Catlett, of Morgan county. The vote being taken and Mr. Whitaker having received a majority of the votes cast, he was declared elected president. He was escorted to the chair and made a speech of acceptance, thanking the senate for the honor conferred upon him.

For the office of clerk, Mr. Reed nominated John T. Harris, of Wood, and Mr. Baker nominated Holly G. Armstrong, of Jackson. Mr. Harris received a majority of the votes cast and was declared elected.

Dr. Devore, of Jackson, and Henry T. Baker, of Grant, were placed in nomination for the office of sergeant-at-arms. Dr. Devore having received a majority of the votes cast, he was declared elected. For the office of door-keeper, C. C. Hamrick, of Webster, and Andrew Jackson Criswell, of Berkeley, were placed in nomination. Mr. Hamrick received a majority of the votes cast and was declared elected. All these officers were elected by a strict party vote.

Messrs. Reed, Gramm and Hyde were appointed a committee to notify the house that the senate was organized and ready for business. The senate then took a recess until 4 p. m.

The senate reassembled at the expiration of the recess. Mr. Henshaw, from the house of delegates, reported that that body had passed house joint resolution No. 1, re-adopting the rules and regulations adopted by the legislature in 1887 governing the opening and canvassing returns for state offices at last election. Mr. Neil, senator from the Eighth senatorial district, appeared and took the oath of office. The senate then adjourned.

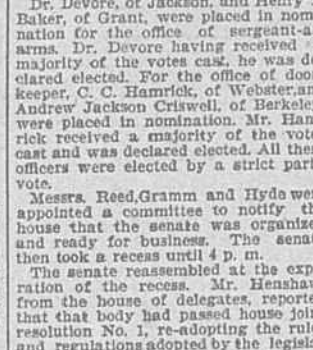
FIRST OF HIS RACE

To Be Elected to the Legislature of West Virginia--Sketch of the Career of Dr. C. H. Payne, One of the Representatives of Fayette County in the House.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Jan. 13.--One of the unique figures in the present legislature is Dr. C. H. Payne, of Fayette county, who enjoys the distinction of being the first one of his race ever elected to that body in West Virginia.

C. H. Payne was born in Monroe county, Virginia, now West Virginia, September 7, 1848. He was reared on a farm and received his early education at the hands of his mother. By faithful, diligent application to study he was found competent and employed to teach the first colored school in that section of his state.



Dr. C. H. Payne, of Fayette.

In a short time he was ordained to the ministry, and to better prepare himself he attended the Richmond Theological Institute, from which he graduated with high honors. A few years ago the State University at Louisville, Kentucky, of which the late Dr. William J. Simmons was founder, conferred upon him the degree of doctor of divinity.

Dr. Payne has been so closely identified with every move looking toward the elevation of the negroes of this section of the country that a full account of his life must embody all that they have accomplished within the past thirty years. He has three times appeared as a representative of the Third congressional district in the national Republican convention. He is at present vice president from the Third congressional district of the State League of Republican Clubs, being elected to that position by acclamation.

He held the office of deputy collector of internal revenue under the last Republican administration.

He is one of the most gifted orators the race has produced. His pulpit oratory is of that kind that moves men's hearts and forces them to action. His strongest characteristic, if one may be called upon to name another, is his unswerving loyalty to his race.

His indomitable courage and his power are clearly set forth in his preparation for the exercise of law. He studied and was admitted to the bar, during all of which time he kept up his church work to a very successful degree. He stands one among the best lawyers of the state. His recent election to the legislature shows the high esteem in which he is held by the people of his home county. He will be quite a conspicuous figure in the legislature, being the only negro ever elected to that body.

WEYLER IN BAD HUMOR

Over Criticism--In Danger of Recall--Gomez Pushing Forward.

HAVANA, Jan. 12, via Key West, Jan. 13.--Captain-General Weyler is in a very bad humor and seemingly with good reason. He was with difficulty disguised a day or so ago from sending Senor Pena, correspondent of the Madrid Herald, to Moro Castle, and the newspaper man in question is not safe from the Spanish commander, who was aroused by the criticisms of the conduct of the campaign in Cuba.

To such a degree has the captain-general felt his ill-temper, that nobody outside of his military and civil advisers, have been able to see him since his latest return from the field. That he is in danger of recall, nobody here for a moment doubts. Weyler cannot truthfully be said to have achieved a single success, diplomatic, administrative, military or otherwise. There are probably more insurgents, better armed and supplied, in Pinar del Rio at the present moment than at any time since the insurrection broke out.

Gomez is pushing onward from the east with all the men he can muster, while at the same time protecting his retreat. The insurgent bands are, in the meanwhile, carrying the torch to the very gates of Havana. The flames of burning property can be seen from the roof of the captain-general's palace, the sound of fire-arms has frequently been heard in the suburbs, and, except to hold the cities, the Spaniards are absolutely powerless, though they have burned every roof capable of sheltering a wounded insurgent, destroying everything likely to give them food and in every way trying to crush the struggle for freedom, not in an open conflict in the field, but by adopting the very anarchist tactics they taunt the Cubans with employing, including the burning of the insurgent hospitals and slaughtering of the helpless sufferers, according to all reports.

The civil governor is known to be using his influence with the commercial bodies here to bring about Weyler's recall, and protests against his conduct have been sent to Madrid recently in great numbers and couched in the most emphatic terms of disgust and disapproval.

A Monster Petition.

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.--When the resolution, calling for the recognition of the independence of Cuba is before the senate and its passage is being urged, a delegation of men from New York, headed by Frank Mayer, president of the American Friends of Cuba, will present a monster petition in favor of the resolution. Sixty thousand petitions were sent out, nearly all of which have been returned with more than 600,000 signatures. Among the signatures may be found those of nearly all the members of the legislatures of nearly every state in the union. The petition has also been signed by the board of aldermen of this city.

What Does This Mean?

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.--The World publishes a dispatch from Washington, saying: The agreement between the United States and Spain regarding the terms to be granted to the Cuban insurgents was practically concluded to-day. It is neither a treaty nor a diplomatic memorandum. It is a compact or agreement between the United States and Spain upon the terms that Spain is willing to grant the insurgents. It provides for capitulation and pardon of the insurgents for whom General Gomez is expected to sign the treaty.

FELL THREE HUNDRED FEET

Five Miners of Pottsville, Pa., Have Their Lives Crushed Out.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Jan. 13.--A terrible accident by which five persons were killed and one fatally injured, occurred at the new Wadesville shaft of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company, to-day. The dead are: Peter Tingo, aged thirty years; John Taylor, aged twenty-four years; Henry Flynn, aged thirty-five years; William Taylor, aged forty years; Theodore Froumkenstein, a boy of sixteen.

The work of sinking the new shaft commenced last March, the contractor in charge being Thomas Richards, of Minersville. The four men and the boy formed a part of the day shift.

Soon after arriving at the shaft this morning they stepped on the rim of a large iron bucket to be lowered into the shaft. A big cross head weighing several hundred pounds, through which the ropes passed, became frozen to the guides and did not move when the bucket started. When the men had gotten about half way down the high cross head fell striking the bucket. The men were hurled to the bottom of the shaft, a distance of about 300 feet. The four men were terribly mangled and must have been killed instantly.

All of the workmen were experienced hands and are survived by families.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS

M. K. Moorhead, a prominent business man of Pittsburgh, is dead.

Fred Donley and Mamie Reed were run over by a train at Columbus, last night, and killed.

The Republican caucus of Wisconsin unanimously nominated Col. John C. Spooner for United States senator.

John H. Couch, late Populist candidate for Judge of the Kansas court of appeals committed suicide yesterday.

Great interest is being manifested by foreign countries in the universal postal congress to be held in Washington in May.

The handful of Russians remaining in Alaska complain of oppressive acts of American traders who, they say, "run" Alaska.

Amanda Arnold, aged 15, Arthur Arnold, 3, George M. Brown, 2, and the Matthews, 4, and Al Volmer, aged 11, were drowned at St. Louis yesterday while skating.

Joseph Buckhardt, of Edwardsville, Ill., shot and killed his wife and then himself. He built a new house, and his wife not liking the plans refused to live in it. Hence the tragedy.

Dispatches received from numerous towns in Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Iowa, Northern Illinois, Black Hills of South Dakota, show heavy snow storms raged in those states Tuesday and last night, and many places report it still snowing.

The Arbuckle yesterday applied to the Toledo courts for a receiver for the Woolson company's plant. They also ask that the company be enjoined from registering the sale of 1,739 shares of stock and that the company be enjoined from selling the stock at a price below the cost of the stock. The Arbuckle also ask that the present directors be restrained from acting as directors until the matter is determined by the courts. The motion for a receiver will be argued Friday.

WILL BE SHERMAN.

It is Positively Announced That He Has Accepted

TENDER OF SECRETARY OF STATE

And will be the Premier of the Incoming Administration--As a Member of President McKinley's Cabinet He Will Round Out a Brilliant and Lustrous Public Career--The Appointment will Also Restore Harmony Between the Foraker and Sherman Factions, and will Leave the Way Open for Hanna to Realize His Senatorial Ambitions--Alger and "Honest John" Have Also Adjusted Their Differences.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 13.--The Associated Press is able to-night to positively announce that Mr. McKinley has tendered the state portfolio to Senator John Sherman, of Ohio, and that the distinguished Buckeye statesman has accepted and will be the premier of the incoming administration. Speculation as to who would be the Ohio member in the cabinet of the President-elect has persistently hovered about the names of Senator Sherman and Mark A. Hanna, the chairman of the national Republican committee, the former being mentioned in connection with the state and treasury portfolios, and the latter in connection with the head of the treasury and postoffice departments. It has been known for some time, however, that Mr. Hanna's ambition was a seat in the United States senate. The retirement of the Ohio veteran senator to accept the position of premier in McKinley's cabinet will probably open the way to a gratification of this ambition. Mr. Sherman's term as senator would expire two years hence, March 4, 1899. The vacancy created by Mr. Sherman's retirement will be filled by appointment by Governor Bushnell, pending the assembling of the Ohio legislature in January, 1898. It is understood that the old war in Ohio between the Sherman and Foraker factions has ceased, and that complete harmony has been restored among the leaders. There carries with it the strong implication that Governor Bushnell will appoint Mr. Hanna to the vacancy in the senate when Mr. Sherman steps out to assume the grave responsibilities connected with the head of the department of state. Senator Sherman declines to make any statement relative to the important announcement which is made to-night, but this in no wise militates against its authenticity. The definite announcement that Mr. McKinley has selected the keystone of the arch upon which his administration will rest, recalls the fact that it was Mr. Cleveland's selection of Judge Walter Q. Gresham for secretary of state of the present administration which was first given to the public. As secretary of state Mr. Sherman will round a brilliant public career, which begun forty-two years ago in the house of representatives and bringing to a close a career of ripe experience which covered four terms in the lower branch of Congress and six terms in the upper house, besides four years at the head of the treasury department under Mr. Hayes' administration. It is significant in connection with the knowledge that Mr. Sherman will be secretary of state, that General R. A. Alger, of Michigan, while here a few days ago had a conference with the Ohio senator at which it is understood all their past differences were adjusted and reconciled. This strengthens the belief that General Alger is also to be a member of Mr. McKinley's cabinet, the rumor to that effect being that of secretary of war. Reports, however, also persistently associate the name of Senator Hawley, of Connecticut, with this portfolio. As the fact that Senator Sherman was to be secretary of state was not generally known in Washington to-night, it occasioned no gossip or comment.

New Richmond in the Field.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 13.--Representatives of the various candidates for United States senator held a caucus this afternoon and recommended that the Republican legislators hold their senatorial caucus to-morrow night. This caucus will decide who will be the senator to succeed General John M. Palmer. Ex-representative W. H. Harper, Chicago, is a candidate for United States senator to succeed John M. Palmer. The announcement caused a great deal of surprise. Mr. Harper refused at first to become a candidate, but consented after a long conference with his friends to-day. He came to the city last Sunday and left to-day for Chicago.

Wh- the Ship Returned.

BOSTON, Jan. 13.--The Baltimore and Norfolk line steamer Howard, which left this port yesterday afternoon returned to-day under the flag half mast, on account of the suicide of Captain John E. Taylor, of the steamer. Captain Taylor shot himself through the head at midnight. His vessel some days ago had been in collision with the tug Job Wilson, in which two sailors of the tug were drowned.

Movement of Steamships.

NEW YORK--A cablegram from Southampton stating that the American line steamer St. Louis has passed the Needles at 5:20 this morning, shows that she has probably lowered her own eastward record by about seventeen minutes. Her eastward record up to this time was 6 days 12 hours and 27 minutes, made on September of last year.

SOUTHAMPTON--Arrived, St. Louis, New York.

LIVERPOOL--Arrived, Pavonia, Boston.

MOBILE--Arrived, Ethiopia, New York for Glasgow.

SOUTHAMPTON--Arrived, Aller, New York for Bremen.

GIBRALTAR--Arrived, Columbia, New York for Algeria.

ROTTERDAM--Veendam, New York; Werendam, New York.

GLASGOW--Ethiopia, New York.

LIVERPOOL--Rhyndland, Philadelphia.

NEW YORK--Dresden, Bremen.

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Weather Forecast for To-day.

For West Virginia, Ohio and Western Pennsylvania, generally cloudy weather, with light snow; light easterly to southerly winds; slightly warmer in the lakes.

Local Temperature.

The temperature yesterday as observed by Dr. Schnepf, druggist, corner Fourteenth and Market streets, was as follows:

7 a. m. .... 33 p. m. .... 33

9 a. m. .... 34 p. m. .... 34